



# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Vietnam

There have been no reports of significant changes in the Chinese Communist or North Vietnamese military posture since the publication of this morning's Brief.

Some of the North Vietnamese ground units in the Vietnam-Laos area which have been on radio silence since 7 February--those in southern North Vietnam itself--have now resumed communications. There is still insufficient data to explain the reason for this widespread radio silence.

In Saigon, the Armed Forces Council appears to be moving closer toward naming a new mixed civilian-military government, but still seems to be having trouble in settling on a new premier satisfactory to the principal factions.

2. USSR

Preparations are apparently under way for a major space operation in the next few days.

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3. Cyprus

A new crisis may be building over Makarios' refusal last week to approve the rotation late this month of some of the 650 Turkish troops on Cyprus. Makarios claims that the 1960 London-Zurich agreement providing for the stationing of foreign troops on the island is now dead. This may be only a bargaining position,

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#### 4. Congo

With the Belgian-Congolese financial negotiations successfully out of the way, the Belgians are looking again into prospects for providing further technical and military assistance. They are also hopeful of convincing Tshombé that he should make efforts to improve his image in Africa.

The mercenary-led government column en route from Stanleyville to Paulis was stalled Sunday night by rebel ambushes but intended to push on. (See map.)

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